

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. - 51. (cancelled)

52. (New) A method for crimping a crimp tube comprising:

attaching a suture to a biological component;

placing the suture within a first crimp tube;

attaching a second crimp tube to one free end of the suture and a third crimp tube to the other free end of the suture;

engaging the second crimp tube and the third crimp tube using a tensioning device to adjust the tension of the suture; and

securing the suture within the first crimp tube by crimping the first crimp tube in at least three but not more than five locations using a crimping tool having a first crimping member with a first inner surface width and a second crimping member with a second inner surface width, the first inner surface width and the second inner surface width limiting the deformation on the crimp tube when the crimping tool is placed in a closed position.